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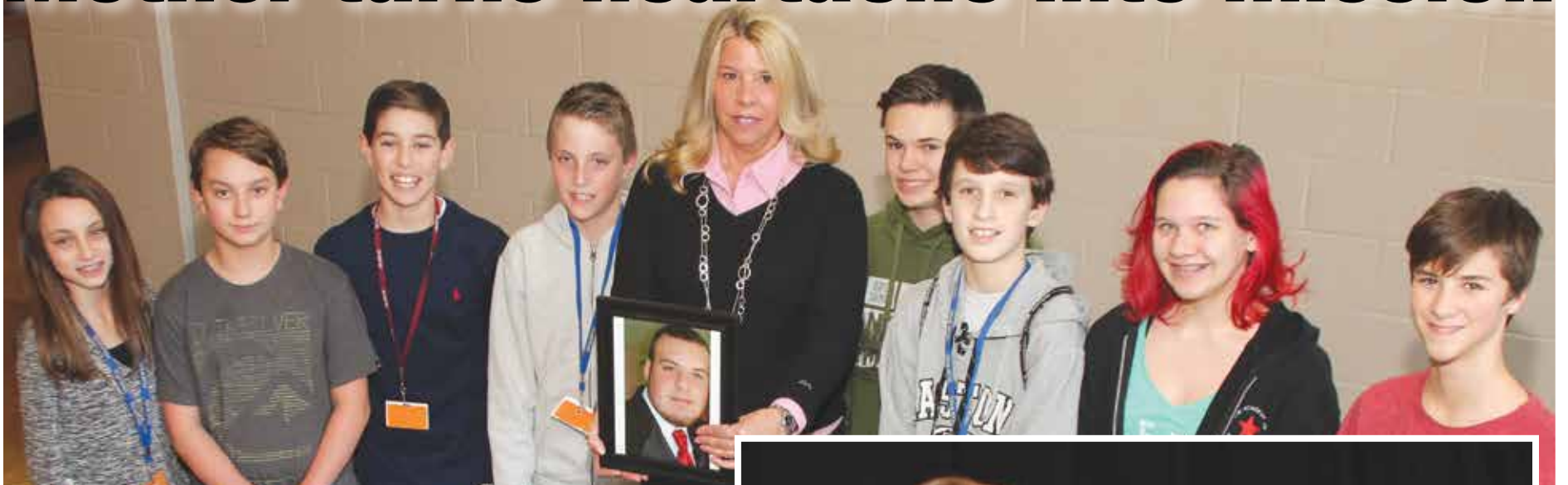
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### OPIOID CRISIS

## Mother turns heartache into mission



Holding a photo of her late son Shane, Tracy Wilkie poses with Agawam Junior High School students, from left, Samantha Gentile, Chase Gentile, Dan Harpin, Brett Wilkie, Colin Shlessor, Ryan Colwell, Jess Marino and Jaron Luke. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

*Shane Foundation dedicated to keeping kids off drugs*

By Mike Lydick  
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Opioid addiction — an epidemic in Massachusetts and across the country — claimed the life of Tracy Wilkie's oldest son. Now the Agawam mother is making it her mission to keep other young people from getting hooked on drugs.

Wilkie's son Shane was a chronic drug user. He battled opioid addiction

and was just 22 when he died of a heart attack related to his drug use. About a year after his death in November 2014, Wilkie created the Shane Foundation. It's her way to honor Shane and help youngsters to make good choices and avoid drug addiction.

One way Wilkie is doing that is by raising money to bring speakers and presentations into Agawam schools.

"My son loved kids, so I couldn't

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Tracy Wilkie holds the top prize — a Kindle Whitepaper — in a Shane Foundation logo contest for students during a brief presentation at Agawam Junior High School earlier this week.

### WALNUT ST. EXT.

## 'Downtown' design retains on-street parking

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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Building and business owners weighed in on the latest proposal for new streetscaping presented by Tighe & Bond designer Andrew Leonard Tuesday afternoon at a meeting held at First Stop Café.

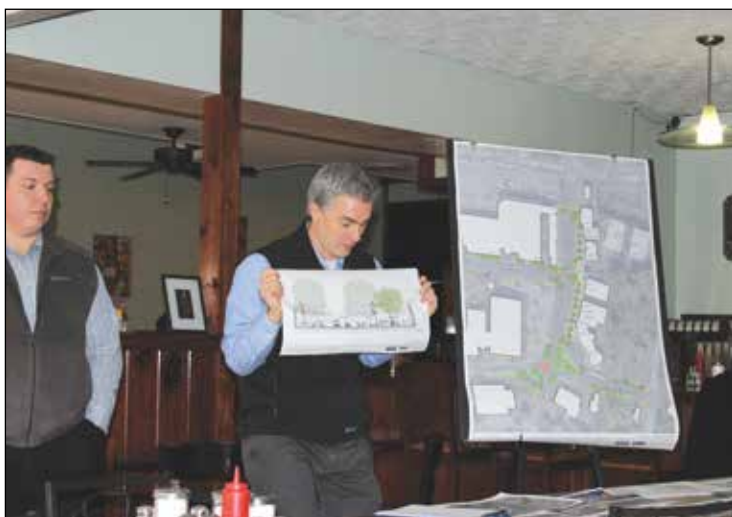
Leonard presented updates to the design, which would include parking along the street of Walnut Street Extension.

The area has been targeted for rehabilitation as a new "walkable downtown" for Agawam.

Leonard said the designers on the project have worked in several comments from building and business owners and plans definitely including keeping the roadway and installing diagonal parking spaces along the roadway. He said there would be approximately 134 spaces along the road and 169 parking spaces total, up from 139 currently.

Parking will be as close to buildings as possible.

There will be 12-foot-wide sidewalks and space in front of businesses for outdoor events such as farmer markets, outdoor sidewalk-style sales, and outdoor dining, which was approved a few



Tighe & Bond designer Andrew Leonard shows conceptual plans of new streetscaping for Walnut Street Extension at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon at First Stop Café. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

years ago by the Agawam City Council.

Based on the footprint of the road and its associated infrastructure, Leonard said there would be more room for outdoor markets on the east side the street.

"The concept is really to create a market environment outside of these businesses," said Leonard.

There will be room to make access to the back of buildings for deliveries. There will also be con-

siderations made for employee parking.

One of the building owners, Bob Vanderhoof, asked several questions about the uneven spaces outside buildings. He said with less room on the outside of buildings on the west side of the street, his tenants that may want outdoor dining would not be able to compete with businesses on the east side of the street.

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### TOWN CLERK

## New clerk a familiar face

*Town Hall's top lawyer takes on new role*

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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Town Solicitor Vincent Gioscia is moving his office one floor down, to take on the role of town clerk in Agawam.

Gioscia, who has been the town's in-house lawyer for more than 13 years, will replace Richard Theroux, who served as town clerk for more than three decades and recently

resigned to take a job in the private sector. Mayor Richard Cohen said Gioscia's experience in town government, including working alongside Theroux, made him an excellent candidate for the clerk's job.



Vincent Gioscia

"He has a lot of experience working with Richard on a lot of different things," said Cohen. "The solicitor works with a lot of issues in the clerk's office, so Vince definitely

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### COMPLETE STREETS

## Grant sought for walks, bike lanes

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The Agawam City Council last week adopted an administrative policy created by Mayor Richard Cohen that would pursue "complete streets."

The new policy, if approved by MassDOT, would qualify the town to receive funding from the state to make a "complete streets pri-

ority plan," and up to \$400,000 for construction funds.

Town Engineer Michelle Chase has been working on the policy for several months and said complete streets are defined as streets that are made to accommodate all modes of transportation — including bicycles, public transportation, and freight, in addition to the more typical consideration

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You asked?  
Excise taxes aren't going up

Anyone else get their excise taxes in, and notice a bit of a climb from last year?  
— Anna, on "Agawam, MA Open Forum" at Facebook.com

Although several Facebook users said they, too, have seen their automobile excise taxes go up by \$10 to \$40 this year, Town Assessor Kevin Baldini says there was been no change in the rate or valuation formula this year — and there hasn't been one for decades.  
"It's always \$25 per thousand," Baldini said this week. "It's been that way since Proposition 2 1/2 came into effect in the 1980s. It's done on a percentage basis of the MSRP"  
Baldini said the annual tax, although it is collected by local authorities in each town, is calculated the same way throughout the state.

It is based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price — not the sale price, but the sticker price — and the age of the vehicle. In the year that matches the model year (spring of 2016, for a 2016-model car), the valuation is automatically set at 90 percent of MSRP, and the bill is equal to 2.5 percent of that valuation. In the second year, the valuation is calculated at 60 percent of MSRP, then 25 percent in the third year and 10 percent every subsequent year that the vehicle remains on road. Valuations for the purpose of vehicle excise do not take into account the car's condition or resale value; they are strictly a percentage of the original sticker price. The 2.5 percent rate remains consistent for all cars, at all ages, in all towns.  
Since valuations can only decline, residents who kept the same

car from 2015 to 2016 should not be seeing any increases in excise tax, Baldini said. Those with vehicles four years old or younger should have seen a decline.  
Billing information is generated by the state Registry of Motor Vehicles, Baldini added. Taxpayers who think their bills contain incorrect information should contact the RMV. If the state agrees that an error was made, the town can abate the tax accordingly.  
Interview by Michael J. Ballway.  
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# Luncheon fundraiser returns to Capt. Leonard House

The annual spring “Tavern Luncheon” fundraiser at Agawam’s historic Captain Charles Leonard House returns Saturday, March 5. A hot lunch of chicken à la king will be served at two seatings, 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The main course, dessert and coffee will be served by the Captain Leonard House’s all-volunteer board of trustees. A donation of \$12 per meal is suggested and reservations are required. Call 413-786-9421 for more information or to reserve a seat. Take-out meals are also available.

The luncheon will also feature an accompanying sale of quality linen, china, silver and collectibles. Many fine pieces will be offered at very reasonable prices.

The proceeds of the luncheon and sale will aid in the preservation of the National Register-listed Captain Leonard House. Built in 1805 and Agawam’s Community House for more than seven decades, the Captain Leonard House is available to rent for family functions and business events.

The Captain Leonard House was built as a stage tavern to service travelers on the Hartford/Boston route more than two centuries ago. The house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975, and occupies a prominent location in the Agawam Center National Register Historic District. The Captain Leonard House is considered to be Agawam’s finest Federal-era home. The house is available to rent for business functions and social events. For more information, call 413-786-9421 or visit [www.captainleonardhouse.com](http://www.captainleonardhouse.com).

The house is in the center of the town’s National Register Historic District at 663 Main St., Agawam.



Guests at the Captain Charles Leonard House’s Tavern Luncheon support the preservation of the Agawam landmark with their presence.



Glassware, antique linens, and collectibles will also be available for sale at the fundraiser. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



The century-old maples at Agawam’s Captain Charles Leonard House are tapped annually by Rosann and Mike Ryczek of the Maple Hut.



Leave room for dessert. The Tavern Luncheon always ends with a sweet treat.

## Vendors sought for tag sale

The Agawam Congregational Church at 745 Main St. will hold an All-Church Tag Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 19. Vendors are welcome to participate. Tables are available for \$25 each. Checks, which should indicate “tag sale,” may be made out to the Agawam Congregational Church. For more information, call the church office at 413-786-7111.

The tag sale will include a bake sale, fresh popcorn, clothes and accessories, toys and games, books, kitchen articles, household items, furniture and more.

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Margaret A. McCarthy  
Assistant Town Clerk



# Opinion

## OUR VIEW

### Don't be fooled: buy local maple syrup

On the verge of maple syrup season, the North American Syrup Council, the International Maple Syrup Institute and industry groups from several states where maple syrup is produced recently sent the Federal Food and Drug Administration a letter protesting labels implying that non-maple products are maple products.

In Agawam and other Western Massachusetts farming communities, of course, maple syrup production is important to the local economy, not only in direct sales — often in temporary pancake houses located on farms — but in bulk sales to major distributors, as well. Admittedly, maple syrup is a premium product — that is, expensive — and some local connoisseurs look down their noses at people who buy imitation products at their local supermarket. But it's expensive for one overriding reason — it takes a lot of time and hard work to produce.

There are of course, modern methods to harvest and boil it down — instead of buckets, plastic bags that show the sap level from a distance, tractors to haul large vats of sap to the sugar house and metal and plastic tubing systems. Materials for boiling the sap have also evolved — and some producers use propane or oil instead of wood. The farmer still has to trudge through the woods and up and down hills where the maple trees (the sugarbush) are located, however, often contending with knee-deep snow. And once boiling commences, it takes a long time to get to the final product. The producer must boil at least 40, sometimes even 60, gallons of sap to make a single gallon of the smooth, sweet, amber syrup that gives pancakes or waffles the rich maple flavor that only the real thing can provide.

But that doesn't stop the "creative people" at large companies from coming up with misleading names and labels for their products. The letter to the FDA, for instance, includes criticism of products like Quaker Oats Maple and Brown Sugar Instant Oatmeal and Hood Maple Walnut Ice Cream that list no maple syrup on their labels. In some other cases, the labels imply that maple syrup is a primary ingredient when, in fact, minuscule amounts are included as an excuse for the product's name. People often purchase "maple syrup" at the supermarket, hardly noticing that the label says "pancake syrup" or some such substitute terminology. A shopper may not even be aware of the difference in content, indicated somewhere on the label in the fine print, showing that the "maple syrup" contains only 4 or 5 percent of the real thing and relies on fructose in corn syrup as a sweetener.

Another gimmick is to bottle "pancake syrup" as if it were maple syrup, in the beige jugs most producers around here use. Consumers may think they're getting the real thing unless they read that fine print.

But local folks have the advantage of being in the middle of maple country. The slogan "buy local" has special meaning when referring to maple products, and patronizing the pancake eateries on local farms can turn humdrum mornings into social occasions as people come together for a leisurely breakfast and conversation — which is really what country living is all about.

*What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com).*

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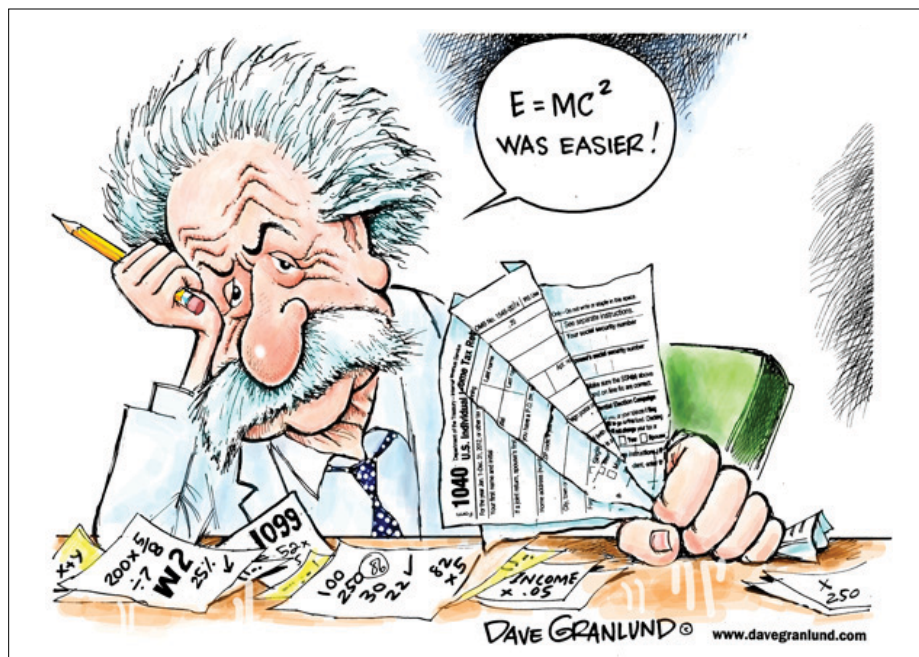
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## JAY SPEAKS

### Memories of my grandmother

In all the media, newspapers, radio, TV, on the Internet, was a story of a large group of new Americans being sworn in at one of the downtown court-houses.

It brought back a flood of memories of my grandmother, Rose Levine. Rose came from Poland in the early 20th century with my mom and her brother Phil. She worked in sewing fabrics here, much the same as she did in Poland.

Sometime in the mid 1930s was a movement to naturalize large numbers of people like my grandmother. She signed up for courses in citizenship. They were held in the local high school over a 10-week period, two days a week for two hours each session.

As the end approached, she asked me to attend with her. The graduation was actually the swearing-in. My mom and dad were working that day, so I was asked to go with her to the ceremony. We got on a bus to the high school. The event was well covered by the media. Also, politicians of every party were there looking for new recruits.

One of the new Americans sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and another led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Every new American wore something with the Stars and Stripes on their clothing. My grandmother had sewn a small flag into her coat sweater.

After all the speechmaking came the swearing-in. All the new Americans were asked to stand and take the oath. My grandmother took my hand and hauled me to my feet to stand with her.

With tears in our eyes, and catches in our breathing, we recited the words, swearing our allegiance to the United States of America. Everyone then paraded up to the stage to get their certificate, to thunderous applause. When we returned home, the certificate was passed around and was treasured forever.

My favorite time with my grandmother was Friday after school. We would take the

bus downtown to buy food for the Sabbath. Supermarkets were a few decades in the future. We went to small stores specializing

in one product. First stop was the greengrocer for salads and side veggie dishes. Then we went to the bakery for the challah bread. Following that we went to the chicken store. The front of the store sold chicken parts. The rear was where the chickens roamed around the yard. Grandma would point out the chicken she wanted. The butcher would stride into the yard, grab the chicken and hold it up for my

grandmother to nod OK.

The butcher would do what he had to do and then present me with the dead bird. We shopped a little more, then got back on a bus with the chicken in my lap. Once at her apartment, I had to pull out the feathers so that she could get it ready for the oven. Then I had to scrub the kitchen floor and line it with newspapers until the meal was ready and the men in the family were coming back from their prayers. Then I would gather the newspapers back up from the floor.

One last story about my grandmother. My two sisters and I were always teasing our grandmother about her toast-making ability. We would ask, "Bubbie" — the Yiddish for "grandmother" — "how do you make toast?" In that day, the toaster was a two-sided contraption where you would place the two bread slices. When one side was done, you flipped it over to do the other side. Bubbie would narrate how she would toast one side and then flip it over to the second side and then she gave us the punch line ... "When the toast is done, then I scrape it!" Wonderful memories brought out from some new Americans being sworn in. We all need nice memories!

*Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.*



Jay Berger

## Don't forget to vote

Agawam, like communities all over Massachusetts, will go the polls on Tuesday to help select the Democratic and Republican nominees for president, and to elect members of the parties' state and town committees.

This may be your best and last opportunity to weigh in on the presidential candidates.

Let's be honest — although the November races are always closer in Agawam, it's no secret that Massachusetts as a whole leans heavily toward the Democratic nominee. Because the state's electoral votes are awarded in a winner-takes-all fashion, there's little that supporters of either major party candidate can do to influence the election in the fall.

The March primary election, however, is the exact opposite. Conservative voters

get a ballot all to themselves, to choose among the relative merits of Donald Trump, Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz and several others. Democrats have a hotly contested one-on-one race between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders.

Furthermore, in both party's primaries, your vote will matter, even if Boston supports a different candidate. Both the Republicans and the Democrats have adopted a proportional representation system, in which delegates will be awarded according to the percentages of the statewide vote that they win. Even if you support one of the runners-up, your vote may help secure one or two delegates for that candidate.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the usual polling places.



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## TABLE FOR TWO

## Spaghetti carbonara pie

I love “make ahead” dishes. An 8-by-4-inch loaf pan is just the right size for this recipe when serving only two. Of course, if you want to double or triple the recipe, you will need to use a larger baking dish. When preparing my spaghetti carbonara pie, if you choose to use raw bacon rather than the precooked, be sure to cook it crisp and drain the grease well. If you prefer, you may disregard baking this recipe and serve it from the skillet, keeping in mind that there is a raw egg involved, therefore be sure to continue to cook for about 5 to 7 minutes, tossing the ingredients over medium-high heat. I have substituted cottage cheese for ricotta if it is already in my fridge. But when I do, I give it a whirl in the blender (with the egg) to give it the same texture as the ricotta.

Dash of pepper  
Paprika

Cook spaghetti according to package directions. Drain well and set aside. Heat butter over medium-high heat in a 10-inch skillet that has been sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Crumble bacon and add to skillet. Stir for about 15 seconds. Add spaghetti, toss and remove skillet from heat. In a medium bowl, blend ricotta, egg, milk, cheese, salt, and pepper with a wire whisk. Pour over spaghetti and toss until well blended. Pour mixture into an 8-by-4-by-2-inch loaf pan that has been sprayed with nonstick cooking spray.

Sprinkle lightly with paprika and bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes. Allow to set for about 5 minutes and serve immediately.

To make ahead: Follow recipe as directed, baking for only 20 minutes. Allow to cool for another 20 minutes, then refrigerate for up to 48 hours. When ready to serve, bake according to original directions.

*Ann Macey is the author of “Ann’s Table for Two: Quick & Easy Two Serving Recipes.” Ann welcomes your questions and comments. You may contact her at AnnsTable@gmail.com.*



**Ann Macey**  
Guest Columnist

## Spaghetti carbonara pie

6 oz. spaghetti or angel hair pasta  
1 T. butter  
4-5 slices ‘ready-to-serve’ bacon  
1/2 C. ricotta cheese  
1 egg, slightly beaten  
2 T. milk  
1/4 C. grated parmesan cheese  
1/2 tsp. salt

## St. John’s to host speaker series

St. John the Evangelist Church has announced it will host a speaker series in the coming weeks at the church at 833 Main St., Agawam. The public is invited.

**Thursday, Feb. 25:** What you need to know about annulment as a Catholic. Can I still be a practicing Catholic after divorce or annulment?

**Thursday, March 3:** Is there an alternative to abortion with an unplanned

pregnancy? Find out about the alternative to abortion and resources available. How can I heal emotionally and spiritually after abortion?

**Thursday, March 10:** Is assisted suicide really “death with dignity”? What are end of life directives? What about withholding treatment?

All discussions begin at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

## Free concerts continue next week with chorus

The Agawam Cultural Council’s Applause Series continues Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m. when the Millennium Magic Chorus presents a free concert at the Agawam Senior Center.

This award-winning ensemble features women of all ages and all walks of life. Energetic and enthusiastic, they perform styles as varied as barbershop, doo-wop,

along with contemporary tunes. This event is co-sponsored by Bridgeport National Bindery and Six Flags New England.

The Senior Center is at 954 Main St., Agawam, and can be reached by phone at 413-821-0604. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public. For additional information, visit [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org).

## Chamber seeks ‘Woman of the Year’ nominations

SPRINGFIELD — The Professional Women’s Chamber is seeking nominations for its Woman of the Year award. The award is presented annually to a woman in Western Massachusetts who exemplifies outstanding leadership, professional accomplishment and service to the community.

Candidates must be gainfully employed in a paid full-time position and live or work in the Pioneer Valley. Any woman in the Pio-

neer Valley may be nominated; no chamber affiliation is required. Nominee achievements can be representative of a lifetime of work or for more recent successes.

Nomination forms are available online at [www.professionalwomenschamber.com](http://www.professionalwomenschamber.com) or by contacting event committee chairman Jenny MacKay at [jmackay@gaudreaugroup.com](mailto:jmackay@gaudreaugroup.com). The deadline for nominations is March 18.

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

**7 p.m. Monday, March 7, Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main St., Agawam**

- A. Roll call
- B. Moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Citizen’s speak time
- D. Minutes
- 1. Regular council meeting — Feb. 16, 2016
- E. Declaration from council president
- F. Presentation of Petitions and Resolutions
  - 1. TR-2016-13- A Resolution appropriating from the Community Preservation Fund and authorizing the expenditure of Community Preservation Funds for the creation of a playground at Wade Park (CPA) (\$104,613.00) (Referred to Finance and Community Relations Committees)
  - 2. TR-2016-14- A Resolution appropriating from the Community Preservation Fund and authorizing the expenditure of Community Preservation Funds for the creation of pickle ball courts at Borgatti Field (CPA) (\$29,507.00) (Referred to Finance and Community Relations Committees)
  - 3. TR-2016-15- A Resolution to appropriate funds for Massachusetts Nurses Association (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)
- G. Report of council committees
- H. Elections
  - 1. TE-2016-4- Election of an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to an unexpired term expiring Jan. 1, 2017
- I. Public hearings
  - 1. (PH-2016-2) TOR-2015-9- An Ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of Agawam Zoning Ordinances §180 entitled “Non-Conforming Use” (Councillor Cichetti) — Public Hearing date March 7, 2016 (Referred to Legislative Committee)
- J. Old Business
  - TOR-2016-1- An Ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of Agawam Chapter 49 entitled “Personnel” to update the wages for certain unclassified positions (Mayor) (1 of 2 Readings) (Referred to Legislative Committee)
- K. New business: Unavailable at press time.
- L. Any other matter that may legally come before the City Council.
- Adjournment

## Town Democrats to elect delegates

Agawam Democrats will elect delegates to the 2016 Massachusetts Democratic Convention at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The caucus will be followed by the regular monthly meeting of the Agawam Democratic Committee.

The Massachusetts Democratic Convention will be held Saturday, June 4, at the Tsongas Center in Lowell. The delegate fee is \$75.

## Italian Club to run Mohegan Sun trip

The Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass. Inc. will host a bus trip to Mohegan Sun on Saturday, March 19. The bus will leave the Enfield Mall commuter parking lot (next to Macy’s, behind Wendy’s) at noon and return at approximately 10 p.m.

The cost is \$40 per person, which includes Italian cocktail tasting on the bus ride as well as a \$15 food voucher and \$15 free spin on the big wheel.

Space is limited. Seats will be sold on a first-come basis. Reservations must be made in advance by calling Stephanie at 860-305-1175 or email [iccwm@comcast.net](mailto:iccwm@comcast.net). Payment must be received by March 11.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Asta-Ferrero, Bernice**

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Funeral Feb. 19  
Toomey-O’Brien Funeral Home  
West Springfield

**Stitzinger, Frances E.**

Died Feb. 16  
Funeral Feb. 24  
Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam

**Swiderski, Walter R. Sr.**

Died Feb. 17  
Funeral Feb. 21  
Forastiere Funeral Home  
Springfield

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Area building and business owners look over information and design proposals prior to the start of the meeting. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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“It could put my tenants at a disadvantage,” said Vanderhoof.

Leonard made a note of Vanderhoof’s comment and said he would see about making sure there was enough room on the west side for outdoor dining.

David Gardner, who owns the building with several tenants at 365-385 Walnut Street Ext., questioned who would be responsible for landscaping once shade trees and other plantings are installed.

Planning and Community Development Director Marc Strange said that is a discussion that would occur later on in the development of the project. Ultimately, the town would be responsible for the plantings. Leonard said he recommended one entity be responsible for all plantings and landscaping.

He also addressed concerns over traffic flow and traffic speed, saying the new layout, a roundabout — a type of rotary, to

be installed at the corner of Walnut Street Extension and Ramah Circle — and elevated crosswalks would hopefully slow down traffic.

Several people asked about the timeline of the project and how long construction would take. Strange said he hopes to have the design finished during the spring, then the application process for grant funding from MassWorks would follow, and did not offer a timetable for how long it would take.

Other comments included a plea to install proper lighting to increase visibility and hopefully lower suspicious activity in the area.

First Stop Café owner Jennifer Haile said she is nervous leaving the business at night because of a lack of proper lighting.

The meeting was attended by 16 building and business owners and their tenants, as well as Strange and Department of Public Works Director Christopher Golba.

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think of a better way to honor his legacy then to help the children in Agawam,” she said.

Wilkie has already raised \$2,500 from a cut-athon last fall at a beauty salon where she’s a stylist. She hopes to raise more money from a “Breakfast for Dinner” fundraiser at Partners Restaurant on March 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted at the door. This October, she plans to hold a benefit golf tournament.

Money raised from the cut-athon and dinner will be used for an event Wilkie is organizing for this spring at the junior high school. A team from No First Time — a group that travels across the state to schools to discuss the consequences of drug addiction — will make a presentation at two May 19 student assemblies.

Agawam Junior High School, which Shane attended 10 years ago and where Wilkie’s younger son Brett is currently a seventh grader, is playing a key role in helping to create a visual identity for the foundation. Earlier this week, Wilkie launched a logo design contest for AJHS students during a brief presentation at the school. She encouraged students to create some original “catchy” logos and taglines that will symbolize the foundation’s “making good choices” goal.

Students have until the end of school on Friday, March 11, to submit their artwork for the contest that will be judged by the School Committee. Two winning designs will be announced at the committee’s March 22 meeting.

The first-place design will be printed on 700 T-shirts that will be worn by students and school staff at the assemblies. The second-place design will be used for bumper stickers distributed by the foundation. The first-place winner will win a Kindle Whitepaper e-reader with a charger and cover. The second-place winner will receive a gift card.

Wilkie said her inspiration for the Shane Foundation was the family of Evan Greene, who started the Evan Foundation following the unexpected and drug-related death of their son at 19 in January 2014. Wilkie met the Greene family — who also created the No First Time campaign — when families that lost relatives to drug addiction participated in the making of the movie, “If Only.” Filmed in Tewksbury, Mass., in 2015, the short film — produced by James Wahlberg (brother of Hollywood actor Mark Wahlberg) for the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation — depicts two teenagers battling addiction to prescription opiates. One gets help to beat his addiction, while the other boy dies of an overdose.

Making ‘good choices’

Since her son’s death, Wilkie has been showing the film when speaking to church groups and other organizations about the need to combat the destructiveness of drugs. Wilkie wants to help youngsters from making “bad choices” that can lead to drug addiction. She’s primarily focusing her prevention efforts this year at the junior high school.

“These are the kids I want to reach to prevent them from even starting to use drugs. The biggest danger our children face



Tracy Wilkie holds a photo of her late son Shane. She created The Shane Foundation to honor him following his death at 22 from chronic drug abuse. The foundation’s mission is to help young people make good choices and avoid drug addiction.



Tracy Wilkie’s son Shane was just 22 when he died in 2014 after battling opioid addiction. Wilkie created the Shane Foundation to honor him by focusing on drug abuse prevention among young people. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

right now is drugs. By the time they get to high school, they’ve either been exposed to drugs or are using drugs,” said Wilkie.

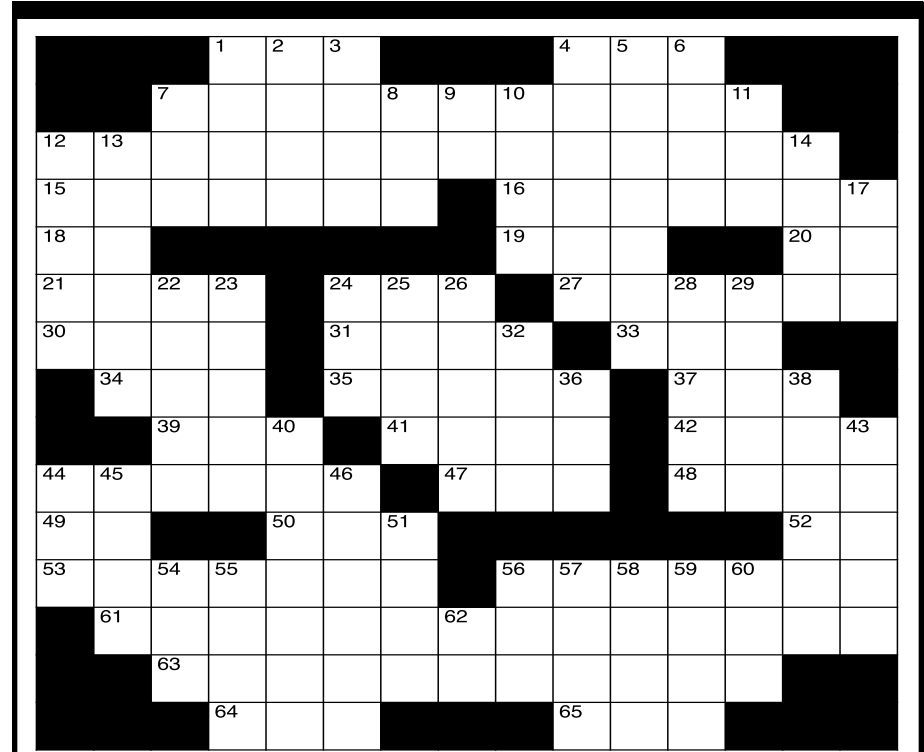
Next year, Wilkie wants to take her message to the middle school, as well as show “If Only” at the high school’s sports information night.

“I worry about the athletes,” she said. “When they get injured and a doctor prescribes pain medication, it’s so often the beginning of a serious drug problem.”

She has also met with school officials at the district’s monthly meetings with local clergy, school counselors, principals and others to discuss the drug problem and what can be done in schools.

“Our schools have limited funds and that’s where the foundation comes in. I get lots of support from the school officials, PTOs, DARE officers, and others in town, but all the money I’m raising for the foundation will stay in Agawam for the schools and the community,” said Wilkie.

“My goal is to really make an impression on our young teens as well as to get parents, teachers, school staff, and children talking about this devastating problem,” she said. “We need to talk early and often about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.”



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. UN Sec-Gen Hammaraskjold
- 4. Sum up
- 7. Shame & disgrace
- 12. Favorite Dr. Seuss
- 15. About earth
- 16. Lockjaw
- 18. 14th Greek letter
- 19. Durham school
- 20. Sodium
- 21. Ancient Olympic Site
- 24. Used to be United \_\_\_\_
- 27. Audio sound network
- 30. Girls actress Dunham
- 31. 1000 calories
- 33. Mekong people
- 34. Floor covering
- 35. Moroccan capital
- 37. Curtsy
- 39. Cheer

- 41. Database mgmt. system
- 42. Enough (archaic)
- 44. Release for a price
- 47. Similar
- 48. Not frequently experienced
- 49. Doctor
- 50. \_\_\_\_ King Cole, musician
- 52. Lady Spencer
- 53. Nauseated
- 56. More
- 61. Stevenson classic
- 63. Uncontrolled
- 64. Homesick
- 65. Law

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A continuous tube
- 2. Wet nurse
- 3. Rural France vacation retreat
- 4. Greek capital
- 5. Synthetic hormone

- 6. Qatar capital
- 7. Of she
- 8. Maya \_\_\_\_ of Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- 9. Not out
- 10. Tip of Aleutian Islands
- 11. \_\_\_\_ Ling, Chinese mountain range
- 12. NW Netherlands resort island
- 13. One who acclaims
- 14. Adjust for functioning
- 17. U.S. Revolutionary Adams
- 22. Bury
- 23. Adventure stories
- 24. Swedish krona
- 25. Several carangid fishes
- 26. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 28. Cavalry-sword
- 29. Mahogany family genus
- 32. In a way, goes away
- 36. Thyrotropin
- 38. Axe killer Lizzie
- 40. Solomon Islands capital
- 43. Eerie
- 44. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 45. A nearly horizontal entrance to a mine
- 46. Assembled
- 51. Racketeer
- 54. Grand \_\_\_\_, vintage
- 55. Cognizances
- 56. Hair product
- 57. Iranian monetary unit
- 58. This (Spanish)
- 59. Jeopardy’s Trebek
- 60. Small amount
- 62. Atomic #44

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# Public Safety

## POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 599 calls for service from Feb. 9 to Feb. 22. The department recorded six arrests in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

### Saturday, Feb. 13

Susan Louise Sabettini, 56, of 415 Springfield St., Apt. 9, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

### Wednesday, Feb. 17

Samantha Fruwirth, 26, of 42 Pioneer Way, Springfield, was arrested on a default warrant.  
Jennifer L. Gingras, 36, of 23 Lincoln St., Feeding

Hills, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Edwin Rosario, 37, of 275 Main St., Holyoke, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and carrying a dangerous weapon.  
Alexandra Marianne Martel, 22, of 592 Russell Road, Apt. A, Westfield, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

### Sunday, Feb. 21

Muhanad W. Hussein, 18, of 1274 Suffield St., Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with license suspended subsequent offense, speeding in violation of special regulation, and no inspection sticker.

## FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 78 EMS calls from Feb. 9 to Feb. 15, and the following emergency response calls.

On Feb. 9 at 6:17 a.m., the department responded to Elmar Drive for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On Feb. 9 at 9:52 p.m., the department responded to N. Westfield Street for lockout.

On Feb. 10 at 10:27 a.m., the department responded to Birch Hill Road for alarm system activation, no fire — unintentional.

On Feb. 10 at 4:29 p.m., the department responded to Suffield and Main streets for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Feb. 10 at 5:22 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for public service.

On Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m., the department responded to Route 5 South for mobile property (vehicle) fire, other.

On Feb. 11 at 12:41 p.m., the department responded to Vassar Road for good intent call, other.

On Feb. 12 at 7:55 a.m., the department responded to Mansion Woods Drive for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Feb. 12 at 5:46 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for smoke detector activation, no fire — unintentional.

On Feb. 12 at 9:34 p.m., the department responded to Mansion Woods Drive for lockout.

On Feb. 13 at 8:07 a.m., the department responded

to Lealand Avenue, was dispatched and canceled en route.

On Feb. 14 at 1:33 a.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Feb. 14 at 7:03 a.m., the department responded to N. Westfield Street for water problem, other.

On Feb. 14 at 8:38 a.m., the department responded to Spruce Circle for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On Feb. 14 at 2:03 p.m., the department responded to Joanne Circle for smoke detector activation, no fire — unintentional.

On Feb. 14 at 11:30 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for alarm system activation, no fire — unintentional.

On Feb. 14 at 3:46 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for water problem, other.

On Feb. 15 at 3:09 a.m., the department responded to Park Street for person in distress, other.

On Feb. 15 at 9:26 a.m., the department responded to Moore Street for water or stream leak.

On Feb. 15 at 10:47 a.m., the department responded to General Abrams Drive for good intent call, other.

On Feb. 15 at 12:09 p.m., the department responded to South Street to assist invalid.

On Feb. 15 at 12:42 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for water problem, other.

## Survivor of 9/11 to headline business breakfast

Inspirational speaker Mike Jaffe, a survivor of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, will headline the Springfield Regional Chamber's Business@Breakfast on March 2, from 7:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

Jaffe will tell how the events of Sept. 11, 2001, changed his life forever, leading him to leave a secure corporate job in Manhattan to reinvent himself as an entrepreneur and speaker who helps individuals and or-

ganizations "wake up" to their potential. Jaffe will be available immediately following the breakfast for a book signing.

Businesss@Breakfast is sponsored by United Personnel. Reservations are \$20 for members (\$25 at the door), \$30 general admission, and may be made online at [www.springfieldregionalchamber.com](http://www.springfieldregionalchamber.com) or by contacting Sarah Mazzaferro at [mazzaferro@springfieldregionalchamber.com](mailto:mazzaferro@springfieldregionalchamber.com).

## Networking event next week is open to all

The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will present "Wicked Wednesday" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, at V&F Auto, 443 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

The event is free for Chamber members, \$10 for non-members, and is open to all. Non-members must pay at the door.

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given to motor vehicle lanes and sidewalks.

Aside from recommending new sidewalks, the plan would also show where the town can rebuild its many current sidewalks that are not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"It has been very frustrating for me as we have not been able to address enough streets that need ADA-compliant sidewalks," said Chase. "If we were to qualify for state funding through this program, we would be able to address some of these areas."

Chase said the council-endorsed administrative policy would be submitted to MassDOT for approval. If approved, the town would move into the next phase, where it would attempt to develop a plan prioritizing five complete streets projects.

All of this information must be submitted to MassDOT by July 1, 2017, Chase said. The amount of money to be allocated to Agawam would depend on the number of towns that apply and qualify for the grant.

Agawam has several streets that have sidewalks and bicycle lanes, but Cohen said the town is always looking to expand those offerings, especially for the many avid bicyclists that currently use bike lanes on School Street and River Road.

Chase said the ADA-compliance is an-

other top issue, naming three heavily traveled streets that fall short of the federal standard.

"We have sidewalks all over town that need to be updated for ADA," she said. "But Springfield, Walnut, and North Westfield [streets] have the biggest needs."

Chase was asked by Councilor Cecilia Calabrese how she would go about prioritizing the projects.  
"Obviously we are going to try and look at the areas of greatest need for things like safety and ADA," said Chase. "But we also want to try and vary the spending so it is used for a variety needs."  
The funding that would come from the state for potential construction would be spent and then reimbursed by the state. Chase said the state funds could be combined with annual Chapter 90 state transportation aid.

The City Council was not required to approve the policy. The mayor has the right to simply implement it. The council endorsement helps in the MassDOT approval process, as does the fact that the policy was aired in a public forum such as the council meeting Tuesday night.

Councilor George Bitzas, who chairs the Community Relations Subcommittee, said his committee unanimously supported the policy, and called it a win-win for the town.

## AHS '76 reunion to be held in July

The Agawam High School Class of 1976 will hold its 40-year reunion Saturday, July 16, at 4 p.m. It will take place at the Summit View Banquet House, 555 Northampton St., Holyoke. Class members are asked to save the date and spread the word. For more information, visit the Facebook page "Agawam High School Class of 76" or contact Jon Lund at [targink@yahoo.com](mailto:targink@yahoo.com)

## Boys and Girls Club to benefit from 'Give Back Monday'

EB's Restaurant at 385 Walnut Street Ext., Agawam, will host "Give Back Monday" March 7. On that day, the Boys and Girls Club of West Springfield will be the recipient of 10 percent of the day's proceeds, with the exception of alcohol.

From open to close, all food and soft drink sales contribute to this fundraiser, including dine-in, take-out and delivery.

## Gioscia was only applicant in in-house search

By Gregory A. Scibelli

[gscibelli@turley.com](mailto:gscibelli@turley.com)

Mayor Richard Cohen named Town Solicitor Vincent Gioscia as the new town clerk last week after a short process that yielded just one candidate.

Cohen said the position was posted internally in January and Gioscia was the only candidate who applied for the position.

"Per the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with the administrative union, we have to post the position internally first," said Cohen.

He said Gioscia was interviewed by a three-member committee led by Personnel Director Coleen Gruska. Two other department heads comprised the rest of

## Catholic Women to host dinner, show

The Catholic Women's Club will hold its annual March entertainment event Monday, March 14, at St. John's Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam.

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner presented by Partners Restaurant, followed by the show at 8 p.m. All club members and their female guests are invited to attend.

For more information and to make reservations, call Betty at 413-786-1481.

## 'Coloring for Grown-Ups'

Back by popular demand, Coloring for Grown-Ups will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 29, at the Agawam Public Library. All coloring pages and supplies will be provided and snacks will be served. To register for this adults-only program, call 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or register online at [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org).

The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

the committee, Cohen said.

"They interviewed him and recommended him to be appointed," said Cohen. "Vince is very qualified to handle the position and his skills as an attorney will help him succeed in the position."

Gioscia's appointment also creates a vacancy in the solicitor position. Cohen said he was going to make an offer to a solicitor this week, but declined to say who he was offering the position to.

"I have to make the offer, there has to be an acceptance before I make that announcement," Cohen said. "But I am hoping to do that soon."

Cohen said he was looking for a quality attorney who is well-versed in municipal law to become the new solicitor.

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has what it takes to succeed as the clerk."

Gioscia said making the transition from solicitor to clerk will have a bit of a learning curve, but he is ready for the challenge.

"I think I am ready to take on this challenge," said Gioscia. "I'm not going to be looking to make any major changes until I get to know the job a little."

Gioscia, like Cohen, recognized Theroux for running a good clerk's office and said Theroux left the office in pretty good shape. He said the staff knows how to run the office and it will help Gioscia be able to learn the position quickly.

He said the practice of law as a solicitor is going to be a big help because the clerk's office is governed by so many state statutes and rules.

"As a solicitor, it was my job to interpret these rules and statutes," said Gioscia. "I will be able to use that skill when it comes to the various statutes I will have to follow as clerk."

Gioscia's appointment was announced last Thursday morning by Cohen and the new clerk took office on Monday.

Cohen said the appointment is indefinite and he will earn \$74,500 in his first year

as the clerk.

Gioscia said he will maintain his status as an attorney admitted to the Massachusetts bar. He does not intend to do any legal work for the town, other than getting Associate Solicitor Patrick Toney up-to-date on cases that were outstanding when Gioscia left the position.

Gioscia, who also owns his own private practice, said he also will not be taking on new clients now that he has taken on the role of clerk.

"I was really looking to do something different," said Gioscia. "This position is a new challenge and will also better allow me to spend more time with my family and my child. I'm really looking forward to this."

Gioscia said he does not have any specific goals in mind for the clerk's office, but hopes to continue to modernize the operations whenever possible.

"There are always new practices being brought in and I hope to keep the office up-to-date," said Gioscia.

Theroux retired at the end of 2015. The office staff, led by Assistant Clerk Margaret McCarthy, has maintained the clerk's operations since that time.

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# Legals

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Hampden Division  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-8600  
Docket No. HD16P0108EA  
Estate of: Edward A. Burgamaster, Jr.  
Also Known As:  
Edward Arnold Burgamaster, Jr.  
Date of Death:  
November 9, 2015  
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Ann B. Bongiorno** of Springfield MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Ann B. Bongiorno** of Springfield MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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2/25/16

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ORDER AND NOTICE:  
General Petition for Parenting Time  
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NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on General Petition for Parenting Time filed January 19, 2016 will be held March 21, 2016 at 8:15 a.m. 50 State Street, 4th Floor

Springfield, MA 01103

2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

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## CAMPUS NOTES

**Clarkson University:** Raffaele Manzi, of Agawam, and Shayne Castonguay and James Watkins, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's list.

**DeSales University:** Melissa E. McCarthy, of Agawam, was named to the fall semester dean's list.

**Endicott College:** Kara Franqueza, of Feeding Hills, was named to the fall semester dean's list.

**Goodwin College:** Charles Rossi, of Agawam; and Madeline Heelon, of Feeding Hills, were named to the president's list for the fall semester. Marlene Aquino, Gabrielle Calvanese, Charles Rossi and Katlynn Sullivan, of Agawam; and Madeline Heelon, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's list.

**Springfield Technical Community College:** Nedime Ahmeti, Aubrey Arpie, Victoria Baranov, Richard Cears, Marc Couture-King, Erin Crowley, Kerry DeForge, Il'ya Demka, Natalie Drucker, Dalton Drummond, Michael Glinka, Nicole Granger, Colin Griswold, Veronica Hardy, Amy Hryniewicz, Matthew Jodoin, Nelly Korniyenko, Rebecca Leithoff, Brianna Paine, Hayley Phillips, Nicholas Planzo,

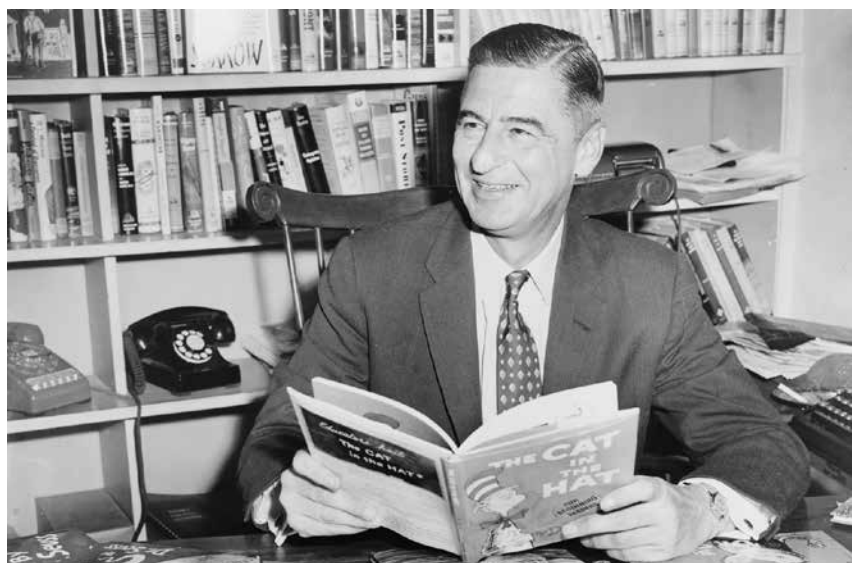
Christopher Plasse, Heather Salerno, Ryan Sanschagrin, Jayniah Shah, Victoria Smith, Pavel Taralunga, Joseph Viens, and Christopher Wyckoff, of Agawam; and Antony Ashlaban, Amanda Benoit, Tyler Brouillette, Marnie Budreau, Nicole Christian, Andrew Colson, Madison Fischetto, Jennifer Langheld, Cassandra Pepper, Christina Pietroniro, Christopher Reagan, Mallory Ryan, Samantha Sabola, Elain Tang, and Rachel Wielgus, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's list.

**UMass Amherst Commonwealth Honors College:** Jesse Near, of Agawam, was named to the fall semester dean's list.

**University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth:** Caroline Daubitz, of Feeding Hills, was named to the fall semester chancellor's list. Caitlyn Pisarski, of Agawam, and Sarah Stephens and Luke Wetmore, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's list.

**Westfield State University:** Kristina Lemire was named to the fall semester dean's list.

**Worcester Polytechnic Institute:** Timothy Consedine, of Feeding Hills, was named to the fall semester dean's list.



Theodor Seuss Geisel

## Museums to host Dr. Seuss birthday party

SPRINGFIELD — On Saturday, March 5, the Springfield Museums will host the annual Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Theodor Seuss Geisel was born in Springfield on March 2, 1904, and the Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden is located on the Museums' Quadrangle.

The Cat in the Hat and Things 1 and 2 will also be prowling the Quadrangle, and Seuss-inspired birthday cakes and other creations will be on display throughout the museum campus. A host of Seuss-themed activities are also scheduled.

The day's events will culminate in a rendition of "Happy Birthday" at 3 p.m.

at the Wood Museum of Springfield History, complete with mini-cupcakes provided by Peter Gray of Pete's Sweets. There will also be ongoing art and science activities at the Art Discovery Center and Seymour Planetarium shows.

General admission is \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and college students, \$9.50 for children 3 to 17, and free for children under three and museum members. This fee provides admission to all four Springfield Museums. Springfield residents receive free general admission with proof of address.

For more information, call 413-263-6800, ext. 489, or visit [springfieldmuseums.org](http://springfieldmuseums.org).



The library mascot ballot includes Murphy the Monster, Moe the Mouse and Leo the Lion. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Voting closes Monday for library mascot

Children of all ages are invited to help pick a mascot for the Agawam Public Library Children's Room. Will it be Moe the Mouse, Murphy the Monster or Leo the Lion? Voting is open through Monday, Feb. 29, in the Children's Room at the library, at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

The elected mascot will help get

the word out about new books or programs that are going on at the library. The mascot will also make special guest appearances at story times. Overall, the mascot will help keep the Children's Room a fun place to learn and grow.

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# Youth

## In the bag



Rosie Robotics advisors Dave Smith and Dana Henry check over the robot built by students in the program at Agawam High School. Tuesday night was “bag day,” the day on which work on the robot stops and it is sealed inside a bag until the first competition of the year, March 11-13. Rosie’s robot will compete at regional tournaments against entries from other high schools throughout New England. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Brianna Gaynor, 15, works on the group’s poster board.



Matthew Iserman, 15, installs a bumper on the robot.

## Town Easter egg hunt signups begin March 1

The town of Agawam Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, the Agawam Lions Club and the Agawam Rotary Club, is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, at 11 a.m. The event will take place at School Street Park. Cost is \$5 per family or car.

Eggs will be available in three age-appropriate areas — ages 4 and younger, 5-7, and 8 and older — with special prizes in each area. Participants should bring a basket or bag to collect eggs.

Parking will be permitted in both the Corey Street and School Street lots. Due to limited parking, only 200 families or cars will be permitted into the park. Cars will not be permitted into the park without the pink registration copy.

Registration begins Tuesday, March 1, in the Parks and Recreation Office, 1000 Suffield St., Agawam. In the event of inclement weather, the egg hunt will be held Saturday, March 26, rain or shine.

## Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

**College acceptances**

Samantha Bennett — West Virginia University; Jenna Bonasoni — Bryant University, Sacred Heart University, University of Massachusetts; Morgan Durocher — Assumption College, Fairfield University, Quinnipiac University. Sara Kiley — Sacred Heart University, University of New Haven; Maya LaFleur — Eastern Florida State College; Julia Nadolny — Westfield State University; Alexis Price — Becker College, University of Massachusetts, University of New Hampshire, University of Vermont; Amy Stefanik — Holyoke Community College; Annie Torres — Elms College, University of New England

**Special interest programs**

New York University is offering a pre-college program for rising high school juniors and seniors. The program runs from July 5 to Aug. 16. For more information on living and learning in New York City, visit [nyu.edu/pre-college](http://nyu.edu/pre-college).

The Hartford National College Fair, held at the Connecticut Convention Center, will be held on Wednesday, March 30, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 31, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity to meet with college admission representatives from across the country.

Lasell College in Newton is offering Fashion Boot Camp, a five-day program of hands-on workshops in the world of fashion, July 24-29. For more information, visit [lasell.edu/fashionbootcamp](http://lasell.edu/fashionbootcamp).

American Student Assistance College Planning Centers offer free assistance with completing financial aid applications, both in person, at centers, and over the phone at 877-332-4348.

**Scholarship information**

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application: Buick Achievers Scholarship Program; 2016 Pioneer Valley Chapter/Co-operative Credit Union Association Scholarship Program; College Club of Springfield; Massachusetts Association of Women in Law Enforcement; Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation; Dunkin' Donuts Scholarship Program; State Farm Good Neighbor Scholarship; The Holyoke Community College Foundation; The Professional Women in Construction — Connecticut Chapter; Springfield Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Matthews Massachusetts Memorial Fund; The Pascal A. Deliso Scholarship; Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts; Valley Press Club; Edward P. Boland Scholarship; American College Foundation; Dolly Lancaster Scholarship; Massachusetts Broadcasters Association Student Broadcaster Scholarship; Jewish Endowment Fund; Rebekah Assembly of Massachusetts; Pioneer Valley Women's Running Club; Warrior Thunder Foundation; 2016 Student View Scholarship Program; Holyoke Credit Union Scholarship Program; Hood Milk Sportsmanship Scholarship; Red Pine Scholarship; Yawkey Scholars Program; The Phillips Scholarship Fund; The Michael Yasick ADHD Scholarship by Shire; Big Y Scholarship; John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; Skidmore College Filene Music Scholarship Competition; Westfield-West Springfield Elks Lodge 1481; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants; Jack Kent Cooke Foundation; American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship; GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship; The Henry David Thoreau Foundation; Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Nurse Scholarship; Massachusetts Association of Women in Law Enforcement.

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The queens battle for possession of Charn and Narnia in the Kit and Kaboodle STaGE production of “The Magician’s Nephew” at Red Door Theatre. Abby Madden, left, plays Queen Qusis and Sonja Crandall is the evil Queen Jadis. Aslan the Lion (Luke Dukette) tries to bring peace to protect Polly (Sophie Collins) and Diggory (Caleb Madden). SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Narnia prequel at Red Door this weekend

The Red Door Theatre continues its 25th anniversary season with a production this weekend of “The Magician’s Nephew,” the prequel to “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” from the classic Narnia series by C.S. Lewis. The play, adapted for the stage by Aurand Harris is the culmination of an after-school theater camp operated by Kit and Kaboodle STaGE Productions.

The play will be presented by 20 local young people Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26 and 27, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. at the Red Door Theatre. The 120-seat, award-winning theater is home to the Hilltop Players Community Theatre, Tiny Tales Children’s Theatre, Teen Ensemble Theatre as well as STaGE young people’s theatre.

The second production is Tiny Tales presentation of “Puss ‘n Boots” adapted for the stage by Lyle Pearsons. The play, geared for young audiences ages 4-9, is

scheduled for Saturday, March 12, at 9:30 and 11 a.m. The audience-participatory group takes members of the audience, puts them in costume and invites them to help act out the story along with veteran Red Door actors.

The company is operated by Marilene Allen and Lyle Pearsons of Agawam, along with assistant directors Megan Banks-Pearsons of West Springfield and Jaime Pearsons of Westfield. The theater operates year-round, presenting summer and after-school theater camps, drama workshops and theater and musical productions.

For more information, visit [www.reddoortheatre.com](http://www.reddoortheatre.com). For ticket reservations for “Magician’s Nephew” (\$9) and “Puss ‘n Boots” (\$6), call the box office at 413-789-2026. The Red Door Theatre is at 152 S. Westfield St. in Feeding Hills, on the hill next to Hope Community Church.

## School Lunch

### AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

**Monday, Feb. 29:** Chicken nuggets with sauce, baked krinkle cut fries, seasoned broccoli, fresh and chilled fruit.

**Tuesday, March 1:** Half day. No lunch.

**Wednesday, March 2:** Chicken filet wrap with assorted sauce, lettuce, tomato and cheese, side of pasta salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

**Thursday, March 3:** Fresh assorted calzones, garden salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit.

**Friday, March 4:** Spicy chicken patty, Boston baked beans, low-fat Doritos, fresh and chilled fruit.

### AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**Monday, Feb. 29:** Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, whipped potatoes, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

**Tuesday, March 1:** Half day. No lunch.

**Wednesday, March 2:** Pancakes with syrup, sliced ham, hash browns, diced peaches/pears, fresh fruit.

**Thursday, March 3:** Individual pizza rounds, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

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**Wednesday, March 2:** Barbeque chicken pieces, oven baked fries, Boston baked beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

**Thursday, March 3:** Individual pizza rounds, sal-

ad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

**Friday, March 4:** Fish sandwich, smile fries, coleslaw, ice cream sandwich, fresh and chilled fruit.

### AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

**Monday, Feb. 29:** Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, whipped potatoes, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

**Tuesday, March 1:** Half day. No lunch.

**Wednesday, March 2:** All-beef hotdog with bun, oven baked fries, Boston baked beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

**Thursday, March 3:** Individual pizza rounds, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

**Friday, March 4:** Fish sandwich, smile fries, coleslaw, ice cream sandwich, fresh and chilled fruit

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**Wednesday, March 2:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

**Thursday, March 3:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

**Friday, March 4:** Pillsbury mini waffles with syrup for dipping, mozzarella cheese string, 1 percent low-fat milk, juice.

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ward a well-rounded, civic-minded, college-bound high school senior who’s passionate about running.”

Applications, submission requirements and selection criteria may be obtained by contacting the guidance department of the student’s high school or at [www.pvwrc.org](http://www.pvwrc.org).

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# SPORTS

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Ohradka's fourth quarter takes down Minnechaug

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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AGAWAM – The Falcons had a defensive breakdown in the fourth quarter, and Meesha Ohradka took advantage of it as the Brownies broke a 33-33 tie and took down Minnechaug in boys basketball action 55-39 victory last Thursday night.

The Brownies and Falcons played a defensive-minded game for the first 20 minutes of the game, but the scoring really took off late in the third when Minnechaug's Nick Santos and Cole Modestow turned in baskets to tie the score 33-33.

With about seconds remaining in the third quarter, Joe Moccio hit a short jumper to give Agawam a slim lead 35-33.

Ohradka opened up the flood gates to start the fourth, hitting a trey. He then hit a long jumper just inside the arc and another three-pointer to give Agawam a 45-34 lead with about 5:00 left.

"We didn't have an answer for that," said Mike Orzech. "They (Agawam) got going and we were not able to keep up with their scoring."

The Falcons have had difficulty scoring all season, Orzech said, and this game certainly played into their pattern.

"We have said before that if we could score 60 points in a game, that we have a shot to win," Orzech said. "But we could not do that tonight."

Agawam just kept scoring. With the exception of a throw-away 3-pointer hit by Koby Ray, Minnechaug was outscored 20-2 to finish the game.

Ohradka would finish with a stellar fourth quarter where he scored 11 points. He nailed four field goals and also hit a pair of free throws. His surge would help him lead the team in scoring with 16 total points.

"When Meesha gets going," said Agawam coach Dave Federico. "He can really give us a boost. All he has to do is see the ball go through the hoop and he can do a lot of damage."

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ABOVE: Myles Scott (5) tries to inbound the ball. LEFT: Mike Destefano (13) circles the arc. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS STAFF PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Brownies vying for league title

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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AGAWAM – For the first time in recent memory, the Agawam High School girls basketball team heads into their final game of the regular season fighting for the league title.

The Brownies were scheduled to take on East Longmeadow in the second of two meetings on Senior Night.

Agawam had suffered a loss against the Spartans earlier this season 43-40, and are set on defeating their rivals to get some major momentum heading into the Central/West Division I Tournament, which they have already qualified for with four straight victories.

The Brownies have been surging at the right time, defeating Minnechaug, Ludlow, Amherst, and Westfield in consecutive games during the past two weeks.

Agawam still does not have a heavy offensive presence, but coach Harold Cote believes his team is going to contend for the sectional title with a very strong defense.

The Brownies defense needed to lead Agawam to a win last



Allison Wheeler looks for an open teammate. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

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## SWIMMING

### Brownies strong at sectional swim meet

By Nate Rosenthal  
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD - The Art Linletter Natatorium at Springfield College has once again played host to the Western Mass Sectional Swimming Championship. Sixteen swimmers from Agawam High were participants in both the boys' and girls' sessions.

For two months over December and January, high school swimmers from Western Mass have been competing in dual meets and with the beginning of February comes the championships. Over the course of the season, swimmers had to qualify to swim at the Sectionals. This year the girls swam in the morning, while boys took to the pool in the late afternoon session.

With eight swimmers representing the school, the Agawam boys had a very strong showing. They scored 153 points and finished sixth overall. Victor Shapovalov, David Wheat and David Welch had 26 individual points apiece and the joined with John Wheat on two relays that scored 32 and 30 each. Shapovalov was seventh in the 200 individual medley, 2:08.80 and fifth in the 100 back, 56.61; David Wheat was fifth in the

100 butterfly, 55.21 and seventh in the 100 breaststroke, 1:04.74; Welch was fourth in the 50 free, 23.45 and eighth in the 100 free, 52.01. John Wheat scored with a sixth in the 50 free, 24.04. He also was 21st in the 100 free, 55.06. The foursome was third in the 200 medley relay, 1:45.54 and fourth in the 200 free relay, 1:32.92. Joshua Shea was in the 500 freestyle and placed 21st in 5:55.86. He was joined by Alex Peterson, Ryan Haines and Benjamin McKiernan on the 400 free relay. They were 18th in 4:23.59.

Sophia Pearson led the girls. She was seventh in the 200 freestyle, 2:03.17 and sixth in the 500 free, 5:26.44. Mary D'Angelo was 13th in both the 200 individual medley, 2:30.55 and 100 butterfly, 1:07.33. Erin Dustin scored in the 200 individual medley with a 15th place in 2:31.18. She also did the 500 free in 5:58.37 and was 19th. The 200 medley real was 13th in 2:05.64 with Pearson, Dustin, D'Angelo and Janell LeClair. Tied for 16th with a time of 1:57.92, was the foursome of Erica Rodgers, Victoria Sutherland, Samantha Swistak and LeClair. the 400 free relay with LeClair, Rodgers, D'Angelo and Pearson was 11th in 4:11.75. The girls scored 56 points, good for 15th place.



# Sports

**BOYS BASKETBALL** ■ from page 12

Federico said the Brownies were able to take the victory because they took care of the ball in the second half.

“We had 11 turnovers in the first half and only three in the second half,” said Federico. “We were not good on defense early in the game and we did not pass well.”

In addition to Ohradka, Moccio finished with 14 points and Scott had 11 points.

Cam McCloud-Thomas had 14 points to lead the Falcons, who dropped to 6-13 for the year.

Agawam’s focus now turns to vying for the Suburban League title. But even more, the Brownies want to finish the regular season this week strong and injury free as they seek a strong position in the upcoming Central/West Division 1 Tournament.

Agawam is 13-5 with an 11-1 league record. One more win will clinch a share of the league title. The Brownies closed the regular season last night against Sabis.



Sean Moore (33) tries to fight his way to the basket. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS STAFF PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Meesha Ohradka (2) had 11 points in the fourth quarter to help lead Agawam over the Falcons.



Meesha Ohradka (2) passes the ball into the key.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** ■ from page 12

Friday night at Westfield as the Brownies overcame a late surge by Westfield to capture a 44-39 win.

Agawam was in control of the game early, holding the Bombers to just six points in the second quarter.

Agawam’s defense held up into the third quarter, but their offense also sputtered, allowing Westfield to stay within striking distance.

The Brownies were able to hold on in the fourth quarter, with Christie Mirski leading the way on offense with 20 points. She made three treys. Jessica Lingenberg had seven points and two others scored five points.

Agawam also beat Amherst last Wednesday night 67-61.

For Agawam, it was their highest offensive output of the season and also showed a lot of grit from the Brownies as they overcame an onslaught from Amherst’s Jada Glasgow. The Hurricane scored 35 points, but was not match for the combination of Mirski, Lingenberg, and Meghan D’Amours.

Mirski would lead Agawam with 21 points, Lingenberg had 19 points, and D’Amours had 12 in the win.

Agawam held an early lead before Amherst came back to tie the score 28-28 at halftime. The Brownies took the lead in the third quarter, and stayed ahead in a wild fourth quarter in which the Brownies outscored Amherst 26-25.

Following their game against East Longmeadow, the Brownies will await their seeding in the tournament, which is scheduled to be announced Saturday at 12 p.m. For information on the tournament and playoff seeds and matchups, check out the Turley Sports Facebook page once seeds are announced.



Meghan D’Amours goes up for a shot. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGHOTOS.COM

## Groux captures LEC individual diving award

PAWTUCKET, R.I. – Teams around the Little East Conference competed this past weekend at the New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association (NEISDA) Championships hosted by the University of Rhode Island. While the action was packed at the Tootell Aquatic Center, the LEC proudly announces its major award winners for the 2015-2016 Women’s Swimming and Diving season.

Keene State College sophomore Hope Walsh (Hampden, Mass.) was selected by the panel of coaches as the LECSwimmer of the Year for the 2015-16 season. Taking home Diver of the Year honors is UMass Dartmouth junior Kendra Hebert (Lowell, Mass.) while Rookie Diver of the Year selection from Westfield State. Monique Groux (Agawam, Mass.) and Rookie Swimmer of the Year Katie Brandeberry (Phillipston, Mass.) of Keene State round out the slate of athletes. Voted on by his peers, Plymouth

State University Head Coach Al Switzer was selected as Coach of the Year.

Monique Groux, Rookie Diver of the Year, has had a tremendous diving freshman season. Groux took first place in five of nine meets in the 1-meter dive and took 1st place in three of six meets in the 3-meter dive, including second and third place placements in invitationals and championships this season. Groux took 1st place in the 1-meter dive vs. Simmons College, Western New England University, Mount Holyoke College, Plymouth State University, and at the University of Saint Joseph. In the 3-meter dive, Groux took first place vs. Simmons College, Smith College, and at the University of Saint Joseph. Groux posted a season high score of 219.00 at the University of Saint Joseph in the 1-meter height and posted a 207.20 in the 3-meter dive at the Little East Conference Championships.

**INDOOR TRACK**

## Hitchcock grabs third at States

**By Dave Forbes**  
*Turley Publications Sports Staff Writer*

BOSTON – Junior Caroline Hitchcock had herself quite the performance in the high jump at the indoor track and field Division 2 state championships at the Reggie Lewis Center.

She tied for third overall at 5-02 with Plymouth South junior Madelyn Sessler. North Andover senior Catherine Flaherty won the event at 5-04.

Hitchcock also placed 19th in the long jump at 15-02.

Other competitors for Agawam included: sophomore Sabrina Christie, who finished sixth

in the shot put at 31-09 1-4; and senior Vicky Abramchuk, who placed 13th in the long jump at 15-06 3-4.

Agawam also placed 17th in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 4:31.14.

The girls finished 21st as a team with 8.50 points.

The Agawam boys also sent several competitors to the state meet, but did not score any points.

Senior Tom Howard placed 24th in the 55-meter hurdles preliminaries at 8.63.

Agawam also placed 22nd in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 3:48.57.

**COLLEGE NEWS**

**Rackliffe helps lead charge for Framingham**

FRAMINGHAM - The Framingham State women’s basketball team defeated the visiting Worcester State Lancers 68-42 in MASCAC action Wednesday evening. With the win, the Rams improve to 17-6 and 9-2 in the

league to hold the number two seed in the MASCAC tournament. The Lancers fall to 7-17 and 4-7 in conference play, currently tied at the fourth seed with MCLA.

The Rams were led by junior Alycia Rackliffe, of Feeding Hills, registered a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

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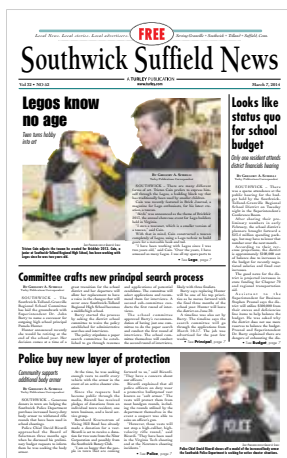
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**Friday, Feb. 26**

FRANK MARATTA'S AUTO AND RACE-A-RAMA SHOW today through Sunday in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. General admission, \$15; children 8 to 12, \$7.50; free for children 7 and under.

LENTEN LUNCHESES at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield (next to Forest Park), today and every Friday through March 25, 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Takeout orders available by calling ahead on Friday mornings at 413-221-5399. There is a 50-cent charge per take out order to help defray the cost of packaging. to support local and global mission projects.

**Saturday, Feb. 27**

KENT MEMORIAL LIBRARY will host a program on the culture and food of Korea from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Designed for adults and children age 7 and over, it will take place either at the library's current home, 61 Flyler Place, Suffield, or at 50 N. Main St., Suffield, depending on the status of renovations. To register or to confirm the location, visit [www.suffield-library.org](http://www.suffield-library.org) or call 860-668-3896.

SOUTHWICK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH at 488 College Highway will host a "Paint, Sip" fundraiser to benefit the church from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and include instructor, canvas, paint and brushes as well as light snacks and beverage. All ages, including children, are welcome. No experience is necessary. Registration is required in advance and can be done at [www.paintsipfun.com](http://www.paintsipfun.com).

**Thursday, March 3**

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, 833 Main St., Agawam, will host a speaker series beginning at 7 p.m., "Is there an alternative to abortion with an unplanned pregnancy?" Find out about the alternative to abortion and resources available. The public is invited.

A LENTEN BOOK REFLECTION, "TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT," a spiritual biography of Andy Gustafson, at First Church of Christ, Congregational, 81 High St., Suffield, at 7 p.m. The study will be facilitated by the pastors of the church, the Rev. Bridget Fidler and the Rev. Diann Bailey. All are welcome. For information about the book, call the church office at 860-668-7223.

LUIS LEE, SENECA ARTIST, member of the Iroquois Six

Nations Seneca Beaver Clan and Suffield resident, and the Rev. Tom Carr, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Suffield, will share their reflections in a presentation on the spirituality of caring for creation and each other at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 446 Mountain Road, Suffield.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Commissioning a Classical Work in the 21st Century: Brining Kenneth Fuchs' 'The Spiritualist' to Life" featuring Kevin Rhodes, SSO music director, and Kenneth Fuchs, UConn professor of music composition, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

**Friday, March 4**

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL'S APPLAUSE SERIES continues at 7 p.m. when the Millennium Magic Chorus presents a concert at the Agawam Senior Center at 954 Main St. This award-winning ensemble features women of all ages and all walks of life. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org).

THE SPRINGFIELD SCIENCE MUSEUM'S large rooftop telescope will be open for public sky gazing at 7:30 p.m. as part of the "Stars Over Springfield" observatory series, rain or shine. Admission is \$3 for adults; \$2 for children 17 and under. For more information, call 413-263-6800 ext. 318.

**Saturday, March 5**

THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB COMEDY NIGHT FUND-RAISER at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 460 Granby Road, Chicopee. Doors open at 6 p.m., followed by the show at 7 p.m. Cash bar and several raffles. Those attending are invited to bring snacks. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Contact Shawn Disley at 413-687-0268 or [dizzy-dizz@gmail.com](mailto:dizzy-dizz@gmail.com) or visit [agawamlions.org](http://agawamlions.org).

ANNUAL SPRING "TAVERN LUNCHEON" fundraiser at Agawam's historic Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St. with servings at 11:30 a.m. and 1 pm. Donation of \$12 per meal suggested and reservations are required. Call 413-786-9421 for more information or to reserve a seat. Take-out meals available.

VFW POST 872 will hold a corned beef and cabbage dinner to raise money to add a wing to the town's war memorial for Iraq, Afghanistan and Gulf War from 4-7 p.m. at Post 872 at 151 Point Grove Road, Southwick. Tickets are \$15 per person for adults and \$6 for children under the age of 12. For more information, call 413-875-5743.

DR. SEUSS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Springfield Museums, 21 Edwards St., Springfield. General admission \$18, adults, \$12, seniors and college students, \$9.50 children 3 to 17, free for children under three and museum members. Fee pro-

vides admission to all four Museums. For information, call 413-263-6800, ext. 489 or visit [springfieldmuseums.org](http://springfieldmuseums.org).

**Sunday, March 6**

THE FRIENDS OF THE FARM AT HILLTOP and the Suffield Land Conservancy will host a program on how to build a bluebird nesting box from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of First Church of Christ Congregational, 81 High St. in Suffield. Open to adults and families. Children should be accompanied by an adult. The program is free, but a donation is appreciated to continue this work. Space is limited and registration is required prior to March 4. To register, call 860-758-0668.

**Tuesday, March 8**

THE SUFFIELD WOMAN'S CLUB will host Emergency Aid Association Executive Director Janet Frechette at 12:30 p.m. in the Father Ted Hall at Sacred Heart Church, 446 Mountain Road, Suffield. There will be a light luncheon prior to the guest speaker. Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable item for the EAA pantry.

**Wednesday, March 9**

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

**Thursday, March 10**

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, 833 Main St., Agawam, will host a speaker series beginning at 7 p.m., "Is assisted suicide really death with dignity? What are end of life directives. What about withholding treatment?" The public is invited.

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**Friday, March 11**

THE 17TH ANNUAL QUIET DAY, a Lenten tradition at First Church of Christ, Congregational, 81 High St., Suffield, from 1 to 7 p.m., with a worship service at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church office at 860-668-7223.

**Saturday, March 12**

BENEFIT FOR LANDEN PALATINO, Agawam American Legion 185, 478 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Two sessions - noon to 3 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. Tickets, \$20 for adults; \$7 for children. Buffet, clowns, magicians, a disc jockey and crafts for children. All proceeds to benefit the Palatino family. Eight-year-old Landen has been diagnosed with glioblastoma, a fast-growing brain tumor and has extensive treatment ahead. For tickets, call Jenny Wright at 413-250-5127.

## Agawam Senior Center

**Lunch Menu**

**Monday, Feb. 29:** Chicken a la king over rice, spinach salad, cantaloupe.  
**Tuesday, March 2:** Turkey dinner, stuffing, squash, cranberry sauce, gravy, birthday cake.  
**Wednesday, March 3:** Cheeseburger casserole, spinach salad, diced pears.  
**Thursday, March 4:** Chicken and dumplings, mixed vegetables, garden salad, applesauce.  
**Friday, March 5:** Baked cod Florentine, scalloped potatoes, dilled carrots, pudding.

**Calendar of Events**

**Monday, Feb. 29:** 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba; pitch tournament.  
**Tuesday, March 1:** 9 a.m., exercise, knitting class, sewing class; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie ("Wall-E"), ladies billiards; 1 p.m., Mexican Train

Game; 2:30 p.m., chorus meets; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance, evening sewing, art class with Barbara Cohen.  
**Wednesday, March 2:** 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 10 a.m., Friends meeting; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., Sen. Humason office hours; 1:30 p.m., Golden Age Club Chapter 2 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba; 6 p.m., Western Mass. Genealogy meeting; 6:30 p.m., Turnverein chorus.  
**Thursday, March 3:** 8:30 a.m., AARP tax assistance; 9 a.m., exercise, 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch; 1:30 p.m., Melody Band practice; 6:30 p.m., evening pitch, evening line dancing.  
**Friday, March 4:** 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art class; 10 a.m., tai chi; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 4 p.m., poker; 7 p.m., Applause Series (Millennium Magic) at the Senior Center.

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WORSHIP SERVICES  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Holy Communion served 1st and 3rd Sundays.  
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Prepare Meal for Samaritan Inn Homeless Shelter 2nd Saturdays 2-5 p.m.  
Offsite Worship:  
Heritage East, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m.  
Heritage North, 1st Tuesdays, 11 a.m.  
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Senior Pastor: Rev. Richard E. Adams

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Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.

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[churchcor.org](http://churchcor.org)

WORSHIP SERVICES  
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[jesussaves.7@comcast.net](mailto:jesussaves.7@comcast.net)  
Church Website: [www.faithbible-church.org](http://www.faithbible-church.org)  
Pastor: Rick Donofrio

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789-2026

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Feeding Hills, MA  
478-9484  
David L. Short, Pastor

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Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7 p.m.

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1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills  
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[www.SacredHeartFeedingHills.org](http://www.SacredHeartFeedingHills.org)  
Fr. Steven Amo

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[saintdavidsc@comcast.net](mailto:saintdavidsc@comcast.net)  
[www.stdavidssagawam.org](http://www.stdavidssagawam.org)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES  
Sunday 8 a.m. Rite I and Holy Eucharist  
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Weekdays: Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m.  
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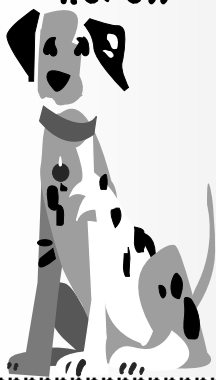
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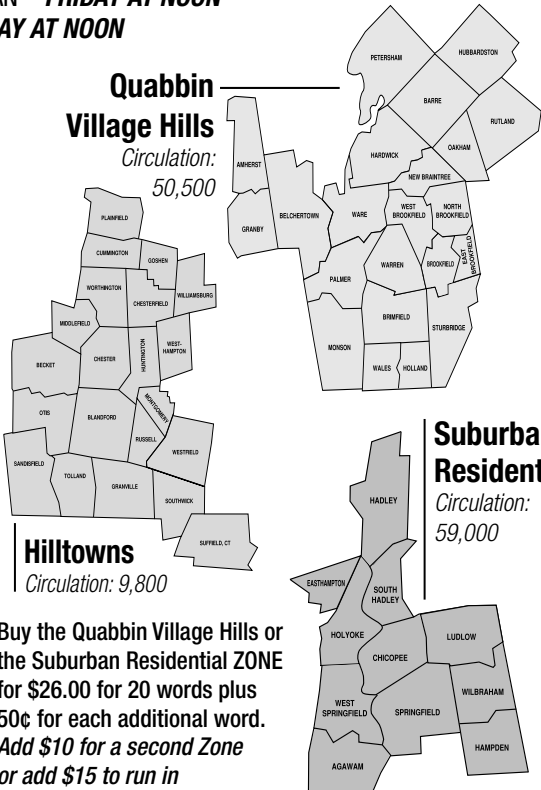
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**April 11:** Newport Playhouse and Cabaret for the day for dinner theater with a buffet, followed by a short play, "One Slight Hitch," and a comedic cabaret show. \$92, due by March 4. Call George Wheeler, Southwick Travelers group leader, at 413-569-3854.

**April 12:** Bennington, Vt. \$72 per person. Call Penny Hardick, Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, 413-519-7223.

**April 22-25:** Virginia Beach. \$889 per person, double occupancy; \$799 per person, triple occupancy; \$1,149 per person, single occupancy. Deposit of \$100 due at sign-up. Cancellation protection available. Call Emile Cote at St. John's Travelers, 413-335-9440.

**April 24-29:** Las Vegas, Nevada. \$869 per person/double, triple; \$1,069 per person, single occupancy. Call Penny Hardick, Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, 413-519-7223.

**April 30:** West Point Academy. \$114 per person includes the famous U.S. Military Cadet Review, buffet lunch at the Thayer Hotel on the grounds of the U.S. Military Academy, a guided tour of West Point, the Cadet Chapel, Trophy Point and the Hudson River Lookout, and a stop for shopping at the Visitors Center. Call Emile Cote at St. John's Travelers, 413-335-9440.

**May 6-14:** Alaska inside passage cruise. 10 days, nine nights sailing from Seattle, Wash. Call Emile Cote with St. John's Travelers, 413-335-9440.

**May 17-19:** Amish Country, Lancaster, Pa. \$419 per person, double occupancy; \$397 per person, triple occupancy; \$507 per person, single occupancy. Call Penny Hardick, Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, 413-519-7223.

**May 24:** Will and Anthony Nunziata at Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, Conn. Broadway meets the music of old Italy. \$94 due by April 18. Call George Wheeler, Southwick Travelers group leader, at 413-569-3854.

**June 6-19:** Escorted Alaska land and cruise trip will include six nights on land and seven nights on the Holland America cruise ship Zaandam. Call George Wheeler, Southwick Travelers group leader, at 413-569-3854.

**June 14-16:** Lancaster, Pa., for a showing of "Sampson and Delilah." \$448 per person, double occupancy; \$428 per person, triple; \$598, single. \$50 deposit is required. Call Emile Cote at St. John's Travelers, 413-335-9440.

**June 30:** Adams National Park in Quincy for guided Park Service tours of the birthplaces of John Quincy Adams and his father John Adams. Lunch in Boston at the Chart House Restaurant and a visit to the North End, Boston's Little Italy. \$88 due by May 23. Call George Wheeler, Southwick Travelers group leader, at 413-569-3854.

**July 21:** Lobster dinner at Mike's Clam Shack in Wells, Maine, followed by a guided driving tour of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport past the Bush estate. \$97 due June 14. Call George Wheeler, Southwick Travelers group leader, at 413-569-3854.

**Aug. 16:** Lighthouse cruise on Narragansett Bay, R.I. Lunch at Captain Jack's. \$97 due by July 8. Call George Wheeler, Southwick Travelers group leader, at 413-569-3854.

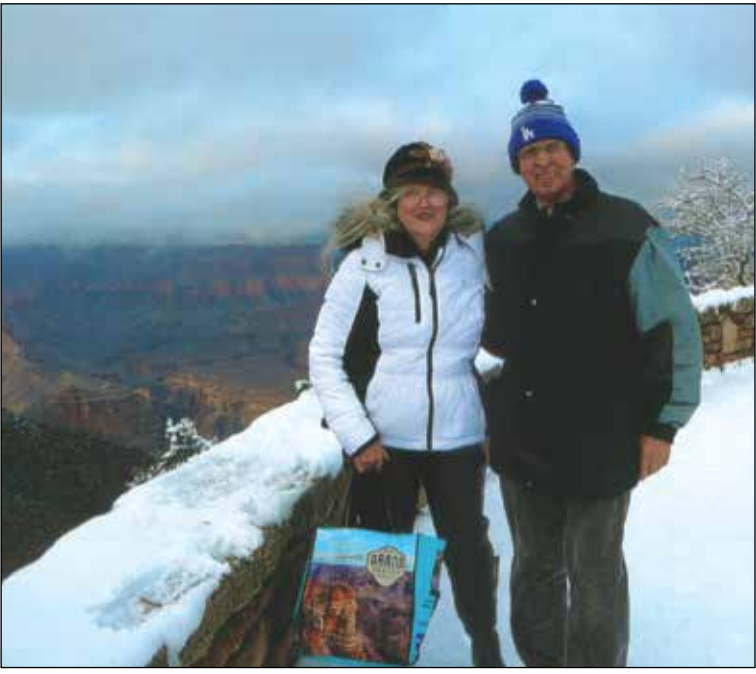
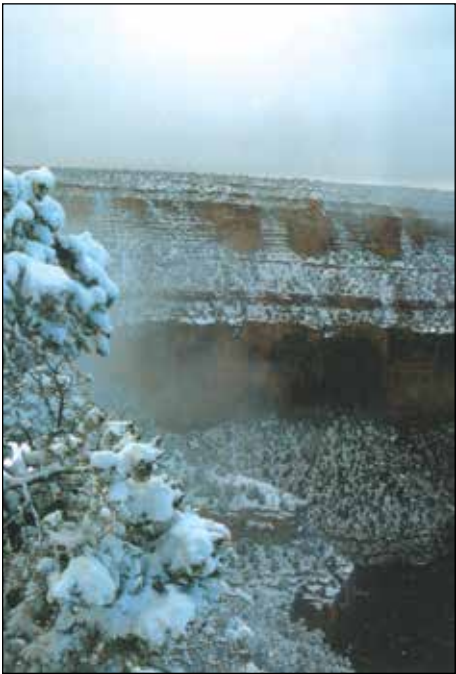
**Sept. 23:** Essex Steam Train for a hot lunch in a 1920s Pullman diner car, and Becky Thatcher Riverboat cruise on the Connecticut River. \$98 due by Aug. 16. Call George Wheeler, Southwick Travelers group leader, at 413-569-3854.

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## A trip to the Grand Canyon state

Agawam residents Reidar Nordal and Geraldine Schilling-Nordal recently traveled to the Grand Canyon in Arizona. According to Schilling-Nordal, "Few take the chance to go to the canyon in the winter, though it is the only national park

open at this time." In addition to being greeted by a herd of elk and the "sure-footed" mules that took people to the bottom of the canyon, the couple experienced snowfall that included a 10-inch blizzard during their trip. "We met many people in our travels, all with interesting stories which could fill a book," said Schilling-Nordal. "It was a great way to kick off our 40th year together."



Geraldine Schilling-Nordal and Reidar Nordal shared these photos from their recent trip to a snow-covered Grand Canyon in Arizona. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



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